के सम्बन्ध में केन्द्रीय विद्युत प्राधिकरण में कोई व्यवहार्यता रिपोर्ट प्राप्त नहीं हुई है ;

(ख) से (ज) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

**सरकारी विभागों द्वारा टेलीफोन कनेक्शनों का वापस किया जाना**

*187. **श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ भीम अफजल :** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि प्रधान मंत्री की इस आपत्ति पर कि सरकारी विभागों को 10 प्रतिशत टेलीफोन वापस कर देने चाहिए 30 जून, 1992 तक इन विभागों ने कितने टेलीफोन वापस किए ?

**संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजेश पायलट) :** मंत्रालयों/विभागों के अधीनस्थ संबद्ध कार्यालयों, सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के उपक्रमों और स्वायत्त निकायों सहित 45 मंत्रालयों/विभागों ने 10383 टेलीफोन वापस किए हैं जो टेलीफोन कनेक्शनों की कुल संख्या का 10.34 है ।

**Decline in the number of foreign Tourists visiting J&K**

*188. SHRI RAJNl RANJAN SAHU;

DR. ABRAR AHMED;

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an alarming decline in the number of foreign tourists visiting Jammu and Kashmir during the past three years;

(b) if so, what is the number of foreign tourists who visited Kashmir during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) what incentives Government propose to offer to foreign tourists to visit Kashmir in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MAD-HAVRAO SCINDIA); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the statistics available from the State Government, the number of foreign tourists who visited Kashmir Valley during the last three years were: —

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| 1989 | 67,672 |
| 1990 | 4,627 |
| 1991 | 5,006 |

(c) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government at present to give incentives to foreign tourists to visit Kashmir.

**Export Commitment of STC for Flue-Cured Virginia tobacco**

*189. DR. YELAMANCHTLI SIVA-JI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state;

(a) what is the export commitment of S.T.C. in regard to Flue-Cured Virginia tobacco; and

(b) how much of it is being purchased by S.T.C. from the growers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. J. KU-RIEN): (a) and (b) STC has a commitment to export 240 tonnes of FCV tobacco to Russia. STC has arranged to fulfil this commitment through its associate suppliers. STC has not growers directly.

**Regulation of Role of Private Sector in Tourism**

*190. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAM-RAO PATIL; Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what guidelines have been laid down by Government to regulate and control the functioning of the private prevent extertion/exploitation of foreign and domestic tourist; and

(b) what steps have been taken for coordinating the efforts in the public and private sectors in this field?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MAD-HAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) To ensure acceptable standards of amenities and service for tourists, guidelines have been formulated for approval of hotels at project/planning stage and for their classification on becoming functional. There is also, a scheme for granting recognition/approval to travel agents, tour operators, tourist transport operators and guides.

(b) These guidelines apply to both public and private sector i» the tou rism industry.

**Stock Exchange membership to Banks and Financial Institutions**

*191. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to allow Banks and Financial Institutions to be members of Stock Exchanges in order to avoid brokers interference, in the light of the recent stock scam:

(b) if so, what arc the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) Government have already amended , in July, 1987 rule 8(4) of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules, 1957 $i_n$ order to make a company as defined in the Companies Act, 1956 eligible to be elected as a member of a Stock Exchange subject to certain conditions. According to the amended rule, the Governing Body of a Stock Exchange shall admit, when so recommended by the Government, the Industrial Finance Corporation, the Industrial Development Bank of India, the Life Insurance Corporation of India, the General Insurance Corporation of India, the Unit Trust of India, the Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India, the subsidiaries of any of these institutions, and any subsidary of the State Bank of India or any Nationalised Bank set up for providing merchant banking services, buying and selling securities and ether similar activities, as a member of the Exchange.

**Withdrawal of Foreign Airlines from Operation in India**

*192. SHRLKRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that a number of foreign airlines are withdrawing their operation from India;

(b) if so, what are the names thereof and also the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have estimated the loss in tourist inflow as a result thereof; and

(d) if so, what other steps Gov ernment are contemplating to offset any fall in tourist inflow in the country?

THE MINISTER* OF CIVIL AVIA-TION AND TOURISM (SHRI MAD-HAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to *(4)* While some of the foreign arilines have discontinued their operations to India in exercise of their commercial judgement certain other foreign airlines have increased their operations to India. Since April, 1991, Subena (Belgian) Airline and Czechoslovak Airlines have discontinued their .operations to India; PAN AM Airlines have been replaced by Delta Airlines. The withdrawal of services by some of the airlines have been more than offset by operation of additional flights by other carriers. No loss in terms of tourist inflow is. iherefore. anticipated.